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NOTICE OF FUNDS AVAILABILITY AND RELEASE OF APPLICATION

TO: All Providers of Aggression Replacement Training (ART) Technical

Assistance and Training

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Corrections Standards Authority

SUBJECT: AGGRESSION REPLACEMENT TRAINING (ART) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING PROJECT

The Corrections Standards Authority (CSA) is pleased to announce the immediate availability of \$1,100,000 in federal Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) funds in support of the California Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention (CalGRIP) program. This funding will support technical assistance and training to increase the capacity of county probation departments to implement or expand Aggression Replacement Training (ART) programs within their respective juvenile halls, camps, ranches, and in the community. Funds will be paid directly to probation departments to contract with qualified training providers for expenses that include reimbursement for Aggression Replacement Training technical assistance and training.

Counties will be funded for this program through a separate application process. Participating counties seeking contractors can select an ART provider from the list of Qualified Providers of ART technical assistance and training. In order to be included on this list, providers must first apply for eligibility through submission of an ART Provider Application. Providers who meet the qualifications outlined in the Provider Application will be included on the list of Qualified Providers of ART Technical Assistance and Training.

To be considered for inclusion on the list of Qualified Providers of ART Technical Assistance and Training, providers must meet certain minimum qualifications that include but are not limited to:

- Two years of experience providing technical assistance and training in Aggression Replacement Training;
- Previous experience providing Aggression Replacement Training and technical assistance to a probation department;

- Use of curriculum that teaches Aggression Replacement Training consistent with the model described in the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Programs Model Programs Guide for ART;
- Ability to provide technical assistance and training to between five (5) and forty (40) probation departments in California over a two-year period; and
- Ability to provide technical assistance strategies that ensure probation departments will maintain high fidelity to the evidence-based model and ensure program sustainability beyond the two-year technical assistance period.

For a complete list of qualifications, applicant requirements, and other terms of the program, please refer to the Provider Application that is available for download from the CSA website at: www.csa.ca.gov. Provider applications are due Wednesday, April 22, 2009 and may be mailed or hand delivered to the CSA office. If mailed, the application must be postmarked by midnight April 22, 2009. If hand delivered, the application must be received in the CSA office by 5:00 PM on April 22, 2009. Applications for probation departments will be released by May 5, 2009. Projects are expected to begin on July 1, 2009. Should you have questions, please email CSA Field Representative Colleen Stoner at colleen.stoner@cdcr.ca.gov. Ms. Stoner is also available by phone at (916) 324-9385.